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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: PFOR BC CU
SUBJECT: BOTSWANA/CUBA RELATIONS

REF: STATE 186577

1. WE HAVE NO RECORD THAT TD DATED JULY 26, 1977 WAS RECEIVED
HERE. WOULD APPRECIATE REPEAT.

2. WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT CUBA HAS PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THE GOB IS CONSIDERING RESPONSE.
MOST RELIABLE REPORT CAME FROM SPECIAL BRANCH OFFICIAL
MOPHUTING WHO SAID HIS ORGANIZATION WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO
SUCH RELATIONS. I HAVE SINCE HAD OCCASION TO ASK SEVERAL GOB
MINISTERS ABOUT STATUS OF THIS PROPOSAL. AS OF THREE WEEKS
AGO WHEN I MADE MY MOST RECENT INQUIRIES, ALL PROFESSED TO
KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT, E.G., MINISTER OF EDUCATION MORAKE
SAID HE COULD ASSURE ME HE HAD NOT HEARD OF IT AND THAT
IT HAD NOT REACHED CABINET. MAJOR GENERAL MERAFHE,
BOTSWANA DEFENSE FORCE COMMANDER, COMMENTED WHEN
I RAISED THIS SUBJECT AS RUMOR THAT HE WOULD NOT BE
SURPRISED IF THERE WERE "PRESSURES ON PEOPLE HERE" IN FAVOR
OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH CUBA; SUCH AN IDEA

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(WHICH HE DEPLORED) CONFORMED IN SOME PEOPLE'S MINDS
TO THE IDEA OF "NON-ALIGNMENT". I HAVE ALSO INFORMALLY
SOUNDED OUT UK HICOM WHO SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD THE
RUMOR BUT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED BY SUCH A MOVE
SINCE IT COULD BE PRESENTED AS EVIDENCE OF GOB COMMITMENT
TO TOUGHER LINE RE RHODESIA.

3. WILL AWAIT RECEIPT REFERENCED TD BEFORE COMMENTING
FURTHER.
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